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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP (WG) ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS FOR FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA CONSIDERS AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 4406

1. WG (US, UK, CANADA, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND
AND ROK) MET SEPTEMBER 23 TO CONSIDER TEXT (REFTEL) OF
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA INCORPORATING FRENCH AMENDMENTS
WITH PROPOSED US CHANGES TO THEM.

2. WG CONSIDERED FOLLOWING CHANGES USEFUL:
A. IN SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH DELETE ALL AFTER "AGREE"
AND SUBSTITUTE "TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS." WG
CONSIDERED THAT, SINCE FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AND OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 4 ALREADY INCORPORATE REFERENCE TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,
SUGGESTED CHANGE TO SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WOULD REMOVE
REDUNDANCY.

B. IN SEVENTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH DELETE "THE ABOVE"
AND CHANGE "ARRANGEMENT" TO "ARRANGEMENTS." THUS THIS PARA-
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GRAPH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH SIXTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH.

C. CHANGE TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 TO FOLLOWING:

"EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TOWARDS NEW ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, REDUCE TENSIONS AND SECURE LASTING PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA." WG CONSIDERED THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD EMPHASIZE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, WITH THE FORMER STRESSING LONGER-RANGE GOALS AND THE LATTER THE IMMEDIATE GOAL.

3. ADDITION OF WORD "ALL" BEFORE "THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED" IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2.

4. CHANGE IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 FROM "ALTERNATIVE" TO "ALTERNATE" IS ALSO FOR CONSISTENCY IN RESOLUTION. CHANGE TO "ON THAT DATE" RATHER THAN "AT THIS DATE" REQUESTED BY CANADA.

5. WG TOOK NOTE OF FRENCH DESIRE TO SUBMIT CHANGES AS FRENCH AMENDMENTS, POSSIBLY WITH A FEW COSPONSORS FROM ASIA AND AFRICA. WG CONSIDERS THIS FORM OF SUBMISSION, COUPLED WITH LATER FRIENDLY GROUP ACCEPTANCE OF THESE AMENDMENTS IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE, WILL BEST SHOW OUR READINESS TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER VIEWPOINTS. WG THUS BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD NOT SEEK TO MERGE FRENCH LANGUAGE WITH OUR TEXT AT THIS STAGE.

6. FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION INCORPORATING CHANGES PUT FORWARD BY WG FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND THE HOPE EXPRESSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTION 3333 (XXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974,

DESIRING THAT PROGRESS BE MADE TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE,

RECALLING ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT SEOUL AND PYONGYANG OF 4 JULY 1972 AND THE DECLARED INTENTION OF BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM,

FURTHER RECALLING THAT BY ITS RESOLUTION 711 (VII), ADOPTED ON 28 AUGUST 1953, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTED WITH APPROVAL

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THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953, AND THAT, IN ITS RESOLUTION 811 (IX) OF 11 NOVEMBER 1954, IT EXPRESSLY TOOK NOTE OF THE PROVISION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL EXPRESSLY SUPERSEDED EITHER BY MUTUALLY UNACCEPTABLE AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS OR BY PROVISION IN AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AT A POLITICAL LEVEL BETWEEN BOTH SIDES,

AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT TENSION IN KOREA HAS NOT BEEN TOTALLY

ELIMINATED AND THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT REMAINS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA,

NOTING THE LETTER OF 27 JUNE 1975, ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AFFIRMING THAT IT IS PREPARED TO TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND ON 1 JANUARY 1976 PROVIDED THAT THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AGREE TO MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS.

NOTING THE STATEMENT OF 27 JUNE 1975 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AFFIRMING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,

RECOGNIZING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA,

1. REAFFIRMS THE WISHES OF ITS MEMBERS EXPRESSED IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 28 NOVEMBER 1973, AND URGES BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA;

2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TOWARDS NEW ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, REDUCE TENSIONS, AND SECURE LASTING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA;

3. URGES, AS A FIRST STEP, ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ENSURE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE FULL MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS AREA, TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE IN ORDER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MAY BE DISSOLVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS
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TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT;

4. EXPRESSES THE FURTHER HOPE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AND ALTERNATE ARRANGMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE IN ORDER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MAY BE DISSOLVED ON 1 JANUARY 1976 SO THAT, ON THAT DATE, NO FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN THE SOUTH OF KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS. UNQUOTE
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